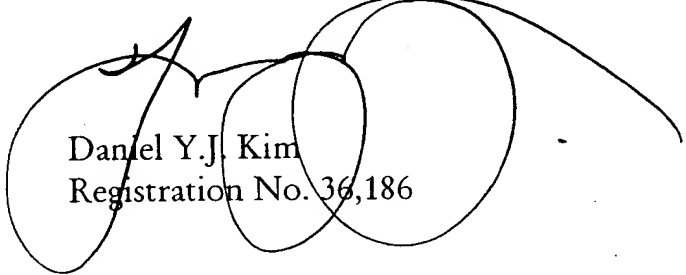


REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 11 and 17 have been amended to eliminate the multiple dependency. Prompt examination and allowance in due course are respectfully solicited.

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